

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/069,312

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to February 15, 2002.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-26.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 15 February 2002 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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 3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
 - * Certified copies not received: _____.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claims 1-11, no prior art of reference or combination thereof teaches a system for reducing the temperature of a coolant flowing through a power transformer cooling system, the system comprising a "first forced air heat exchanger connected to the transformer cooling system, a second liquid-to-liquid heat exchanger connected to the transformer cooling system, and a source of chillate connected to said second heat exchanger to provide chillate thereto for withdrawing heat from the coolant flowing through the second heat exchanger".

Regarding claims 12-20, no prior art of reference or combination thereof teaches a system for reducing the temperature of a coolant flowing through a power transformer cooling system, the system comprising "a liquid-to-liquid heat exchanger connected to the transformer cooling system, the heat exchanger having a coolant inlet for receiving coolant at an elevated temperature from the cooling system, a coolant outlet for discharging coolant to the cooling system at a relatively lower temperature, a chillate inlet for receiving a liquid chillate, and a chillate outlet for discharging the chillate from the heat exchanger after absorbing heat energy from the coolant, and a source of liquid chillate connected to said heat exchanger to provide chillate thereto at a reduced temperature less than the relatively lower temperature".

Regarding claims 21-26, no prior art of reference or combination thereof teaches a method for reducing the temperature of a coolant flowing through a transformer cooling system; the method comprising the steps of "(1) passing the coolant through a liquid-to-liquid heat exchanger to reduce the temperature of the coolant (2) passing a chillate through the heat exchanger to extract heat energy from the coolant; and (3) cooling the chillate using an absorption chiller driven by a heat energy storage component".

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Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."


Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jennifer A. Poker whose telephone number is 571-272-1997. The examiner can normally be reached on 5:00-3:30 Monday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Elvin G. Enad can be reached on 571-272-1990. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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